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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Soviet ICBM Accuracy Briefing for Congressman Stephen Solarz (D., NY), 21 November 1985

- 1. Mr. Stanley Roth, House Foreign Affairs Committee, called with information that Mr. Solarz recently read an article in the paper which quoted a CIA study as not giving the SS-17 a first strike hard target capability based on reevaluation of available data. Mr. Solarz wanted to know if there was such a study and if so, he would like to read it.
- 2. The most recent report on the SS-17 dates back to 1980 and, in my opinion, did not address the issue of not being a hard target capability vehicle. I approached Chief of the Offensive Systems Division, OSWR/DI about the possibility of giving Mr. Solarz a briefing on the current deployed missile systems in place of the dated document that Mr. Solarz had requested. was most receptive, as was Mr. Solarz.
- 3. Mr. Solarz was briefed on the SS-17, 18 and 19 RV accuracy on 21 November 1985 in 1536 LHOB by

 The session was extremely interactive with primary emphasis on our current assessment of the systems and why we had changed our position over the initial assessment. This was covered during the course of the session and prompted Mr. Solarz to question whether his colleagues were privy to the same data.

 (CIA congressional fellow in Mr Solarz's office) was present for the entire session.

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